

Museo dell'Arpa Victor Salvi

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NEW MUSEUM EXHIBITION 2007 "THREE CENTURIES OF THE HARP"

Piasco, Italy (Cuneo) -- On 28 January 2006 the *Museo dell'Arpa Victor Salvi* was opened to the public, the museum being the first and only museum in the world devoted exclusively to the harp, its history and to the world of its music.

For the 2007 exhibition called "*Tre Secoli di Arpe*" (Three Centuries of the Harp), open to visitors since 11 february, 40 instruments have been chosen that reconstruct the harp's history in over the last three centuries of Western music and that exemplify the creations of makers such as Naderman, Holtzman, Storck, Renault, Meyer, Cousineau, Erard, Pleyel, Domeny, Dodd, Egan, Wurlitzer, and Lyon & Healy.

The exhibition, arranged by the musicologist Anna Pasetti and the museographer Didier Blin, is organised chronologically and the harps are grouped according to the way they have been made, starting with harps with no pedals, followed by those with simple movement pedals and last of all double movement harps. Pride of place is given to chromatically tuned harps.

Apart from the historical and organological aspects, the instruments on display are also symbolic of the decorative styles of various periods and are good examples of changing tastes moving from the floral style of the mid - 18th century to the Neo-Classicism of the Napoleonic era, from the Romantic Gothic to Art Deco.

The Museum, designed by Architect Dario Castellino, stands above the antique harp factory building. A precious casket containing some of the oldest and more beautiful harps built in the world.

"The Museum is a fascinating contemporary space – says Julia Salvi, Lady President of the Victor Salvi Harp Museum – “The Museum offers visitors the opportunity to see antique and magnificent musical instruments and, through a spacious glass screen overlooking the harp laboratories, to see how a harp draws breath of life and, not least, to listen to exquisite harp melodies. Endowed with high-tech acoustics, the auditorium renders the Museum a cultural venue for music lovers."

*The museum is open weekdays from Wednesday to Sunday. 10.00 – 13.00 am / 14.00-17.00
Admission is 5 euro.*

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